# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CIVIL AVIATION
# LOK SABHA

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ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS FOR SUMMER
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that 2400 additional flights were to be put into operation in order to meet the demand of seats to and from India during the winter months;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the desired target of additional flights could not be achieved;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any proposal to provide additional flights in different routes to clear the summer rush;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the routes where additional flights are proposed to be introduced?

## Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION( SHRI PRAFUL PATEL )

(a), (b) & (c): In order to meet the extra demand of seats to/from India during the winter season, the Government had declared a limited open sky policy for the period 01 November, 2004 to 31 March, 2005 under which foreign carriers were permitted to operate any number of additional flights to their available points of call or upgrade equipment on their existing flights. There was no target set for the number of additional flights. However, a total of 2534 additional flights (5,30,763 seats) were operated under this policy. In addition 61,066 seats were deployed by way of upgradation of aircraft.

(d), (e) & (f): There is no proposal to extend the limited Open Sky Policy to the Summer season, 2005. However, additional bilateral rights have been agreed to on several routes as part of the on-going process of reviewing traffic rights. It is expected that the increase in seat deployment by foreign as well as Indian carriers during summer 2005 would be sufficient to meet the requirements of the travelling public.